

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2005

7:00 PM

MIAMI LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL

6425 MIAMI LAKEWAY NORTH

MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA 33014

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and gave the guidelines for the conduct of the meeting.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** In addition to the Mayor, the following Council Members were present at roll call: Mary Collins, Robert Meador, Peter Thomson, Michael Pizzi, Nancy Simon and Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso. The following staff members were also present: Town Manager, Alex Rey and Town Clerk, Debra Eastman. Town Attorneys Michael Marrero and Nina Boniske from the law firm Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Patorizak, Guedes, Cole & Boniske, PA were present.
- 3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor called for a moment of silence.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Mayor led the pledge.
- 5. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**
Councilmember Meador requested to pull item 7D from the Consent Agenda. Town Manager, Alex Rey requested to pull item 13B 3 KidCard System and replace it with another 13B3 FDOT First Right of Refusal. Councilmember Mary Collins moved to accept the agenda as amended. It was seconded by Councilmember Simon. The Mayor called for the vote and it was unanimous and in the affirmative.
- 6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Miami Lakes Christian Academy Lady Eagles Proclamation. The Mayor made a presentation of a Proclamation to the Miami Lakes Christian Academy Lady Eagles proclaiming April 12, 2005 Lady Eagles Day.
- 7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 1. March 8, 2005-Regular Council Meeting
 2. March 15, 2005-Zoning Meeting

- B. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT DATABASE AND MONITORING SYSTEM REPORT.
- C. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN'S SPONSORSHIP OF MIAMI DOLPHIN'S DRAFT DAY.
- D. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH KERN STUDIOS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX COW SCULPTURES AND APPROVING THE REVISED DOW SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT.
- E. A RESOLUTION URGING THE MIAMI-DADE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO PERSUADE THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO UTILIZE THE 2004-05 DISTRICT COST DIFFERENTIAL.
- F. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF VACANT LAND FROM AFRC REALTY CORP. AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN SHALL BE USED FOR MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC PURPOSES.
- G. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT FOR OPA-LOCKA AIRPORT.
- H. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES BETWEEN SEVERN TRENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
- I. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 10 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT AT ROYAL OAKS PARK FOR FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT ("FPL") FACILITIES TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL POWER TO SERVICE ROYAL OAKS PARK.

The items on the Consent Agenda were moved by Councilmember Mary Collins, seconded by Councilmember Simon. The Mayor called for the vote. It was in the affirmative.

Councilmember Meador was recognized by the Mayor for the discussion of agenda Item 7D. Councilmember Meador moved to amend the sponsorship agreement from a \$500 deposit to a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit. It was seconded by Councilmember Mary Collins. Vice Mayor Alonso expressed his concern about the size and number of cows around the town.

Councilmember Pizzi expressed his agreement with Councilmember Meador. After discussion from the Council, the Mayor called for the vote and it was in the affirmative.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: The following people offered public comments regarding a proposed K-8 Center at Miami Lakes Elementary:

Maria Kramer
Sean Schwinghammer
Noemi Maceo
David Lopez
Felicia Salazar
Esperanza Pena
Maria Santelices
Janille Silva
Janille LeFebvre
Beth Martinez
John Rawls
Patti Stauffer
Jose Batista
Lilliam Penelas
Sherry Curnow
Barbara Frey
Gus Abella
Susan Hall
Saimasa Costero
Miriam Mendoza
Kimberly Miller

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Elderly Affairs Committee: Dr. Keith Pisani, Chairman, Elderly Affairs Committee gave a report which included the Committee's Mission Statement, Potential Project List including a Senior Center and Limited Care Facility. He also provided summary results of Phase 1 of the Needs and Assessment Survey and suggested the Council consider proclaiming Miami Lakes "a community for a lifetime".

B. Beautification Advisory Committee: Russell Geyer, Chairman of the Beautification Advisory Committee gave the sunset review report which included 22 initiatives, future plans and resolutions of the committee.

Councilmember Mary Collins moved to extend the committee two more years. It was seconded by Councilmember Thomson. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative.

C. Education Advisory Board: Richard Pulido, Chairman of the Education Advisory Board gave a report to the Council which included information on a presentation given to the Committee about a proposed K-8 center at Miami Lakes Elementary School, Youth Internship Program, Town Scholarship, Kids Card, funding support and the Dade Partners Exemplary Award. Councilmember Nancy Simon thanked Mr. Pulido and the members of the committee for their continued efforts.

At 9:15 Mayor Slaton called for a five minute recess. When the meeting resumed the Mayor asked the Clerk to call the role. The following Council members were present: Robert Meador, Mary Collins, Peter Thomson, Nancy Simon, Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso, and Mayor Wayne Slaton. Councilmember Michael Pizzi was absent.

10. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES-SECOND READING:

12. RESOLUTIONS:

A. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF JOSE A. SOTO AND ANA M. SOTO TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE ENFORCEMENT FINE FOR CASE NO. C2003-2199.

Town Attorney, Michael Marrero read the resolution to the Council. Town Manager, Alex Rey gave a chronology of the case and explained how the amount due was calculated. Councilmember Nancy Simon moved the resolution and it was seconded by Councilmember Robert Meador. Vice Mayor Alonso expressed his concern regarding the details of the case. Mr. Soto explained the details of the case to the Council, including an alleged conversation with Councilman Pizzi. Councilmember Mary Collins apologized to the Mr. & Mrs. Soto. Councilmember Meador expressed his concerns and requested the record reflect that the town had a duty to protect its interests. He stated he would be in favor of compromising at actual cost. There was discussion about the actual cost which is higher than the amount in the resolution. Councilmember Mary Collins stated she agrees with the resolution and called the question. The Mayor called for the vote. It was a voice vote in the affirmative with Councilman Meador voting against.

13: REPORTS:

A: MAYOR’S REPORT:

1. Appointments: Mayor Wayne Slaton appointed Rupal Skukal, 16607 NW 70th Court as a member of the Beautification Advisory Committee.

B. MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Update of Drainage Project on 154th Street & Lake Glenn Ellen Area
Town Manager, Alex Rey deferred to Russell Barnes who gave an update on both projects. The Council conducted question and answers with Mr. Barnes regarding both projects.

2. Royal Oaks Park: Mr. Rey explained that tentatively he is planning a grand opening for the park on May 15 to celebrate the project. Mr. Rey explained the details that are yet to be complete and provided a list of Change Order Options. Councilmember Mary Collins asked if it is too late to drop a time capsule under the walkway. It was suggested it could be accomplished. Councilmember Mary Collins made the motion to accept the Change Order Options as presented by Mr. Rey as follows:

Mandatory:	
Cap Sanitary Sewer Laterals	\$14,000.00
Optional:	
Install Bleachers	\$10,000.00
Install Shade Structures for Bleachers	\$25,000.00
Upgrade Entrance Gate	\$15,000.00
Total	\$64,000.00

It was seconded by Vice Mayor Alonso. The Mayor called for the vote. It was unanimous and in the affirmative.

There was further discussion regarding different aspects of the project including the topography and water run off.

3. Florida Department of Transportation First Right of Refusal: Town Manager, Alex Rey provided the Council with a letter received from FDOT regarding property located at SE corner of NW 77 Court & 82nd Ave at 826 Frontage Road. It is surplus FDOT property. There was discussion regarding the letter and its requirement that the Town Council provide evidence of availability of funds and approval of the acquisition of this parcel at fair market value within ten days of this Council meeting. Councilmember Nancy Simon made a motion for the Town Manager to reach out and get as much information as possible regarding this parcel and get an extension to the ten day deadline in order to get all the facts on the table. It was seconded by Councilmember Mary Collins. The Council expressed its desire to hold a special meeting if necessary. Councilmember Meador requested that the Manager ask FDOT if there are any other surplus properties in Miami Lakes.

C. COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS:

1. Building Permit Approvals without Homeowner's Association Consent: Vice Mayor Alonso requested that this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

2. Youth Center Update: This matter was passed over as Councilmember Pizzi was now absent.

D. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

14. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Miami Lakes Park: Councilmember Meador stated his concern regarding the area immediately adjacent to the new paved parking lot between the tennis courts to the North, the basketball court to the south and field number one to the West. Town Manager, Alex Rey stated that he agreed with Councilmember Meador that the area does look of lower quality as compared with the surrounding area. Manager Rey deferred to Parks and Recreation Director, Linda Reale who presented four options for the area which included cost comparisons. Councilmember Thomson asked Ms. Reale which option she would recommend. She stated her preference as Option 3. Councilmember Thomson made a motion to accept Option 3. Mayor Wayne Slaton stated that he would prefer to have more time to study the options. It was agreed that although the Council appreciated the effort by staff to present a solution they preferred to table this item until the May 10 meeting. Councilmember Thomson stated it appeared the Town was doing well with the contingency funds. He would like to see some of the contingency funds that will not be used for Royal Oaks Park be used for what is needed at Miami Lakes Park.

B. Consultant Disclosure Report: This item was passed over as Councilmember Pizzi was now absent.

There being no further items before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of April, 2005.

Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:

Debra Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk